IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 18 as follows:

In the CM-skipping function not based on the broadcast mode or the CM-skipping function (in the narrow sense), CMs can be detected without bothering the TV viewer or determining the broadcasting mode of the CMs. This function detects a CM by determining whether a period in which a no-sound part exists in the audio signal or an image-changing part (where the image changes to another) exists in the video signal coincides with a preset value or not. In the TV programs actually broadcast, however, the no-sound part may be shortened to adjust the time of the TV program or by switching operation. Hence, the no-sound part thus shortened may coincide with the preset value. In addition, the program proper may include a no-sound part or an image-changing part that coincides with the ~~present~~ preset value. Thus, any CM having a no-sound part shorter than the preset value cannot be detected at all, and any no-sound part or any image-changing part in the program proper, which coincides with the preset value, may be detected as a CM.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 10 as follows:

A plurality of CMs may be broadcast continuously in a TV program. In this case, the four functions described above can detect the period in which the CMs are so broadcast, but cannot detect the period of each CM~~ cannot~~. It is therefore impossible for the TV viewer to extract and enjoy any one of such CMs.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 39, line 17 as follows:

FIG. 9 schematically illustrates the additional condition analyzer 21. One skilled in the art will recognize that the additional condition analyzer also may be a multi-layer perceptron.